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In re application of: Shuji FUKUOKA-KEN, et al

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For: TITANIUM DIOXIDE COMPLEX HAVING MOLECULAR DISTINGUISHABILITY

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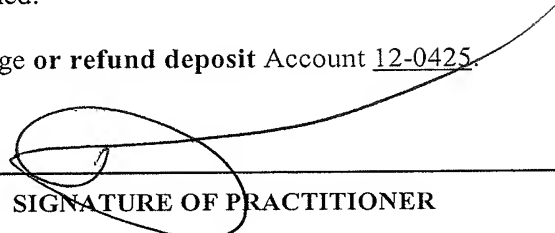
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

We draw the attention of the Examiner to the attached non-English Action from a foreign office in respect of counterpart JP Application No. 2005-504274 and an English-language version thereof indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign office. The English version of the Action supplies the information required by 37 CFR 1.56. MPEP 609.04(a)III.

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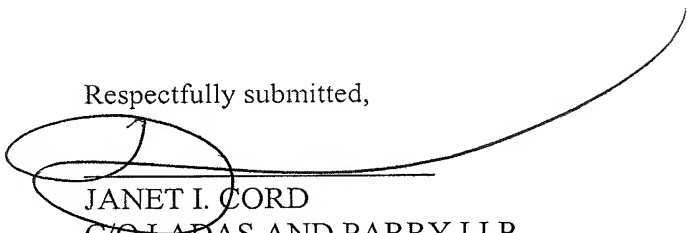
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We draw the attention of the Examiner to the additional four references that were previously cited and furnished with the Information Disclosure Statement mailed on December 18, 2008.

Form PTO-1449 is also attached with reference copies.

Respectfully submitted,



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